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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

All of the listed documents were previously made of record in prior Application Serial No. 09/888,571, filed June 26, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the listed documents, except those documents which were previously made of record in the prior application, is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/888,571 naming Ching Man TSUI, Lap Kei CHOW, Hui Fai HO and Ronald Cam Nguyen NGO as inventor(s) and filed on June 26, 2001, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which is enclosed.

☐ In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application,

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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